

From the Acting Assistant Principal- Mr Gammon

Dear Parents/Carers,

So, this is what the sun looks like! Having survived a damp and dreary November that reminded me of living in England, it's been so nice to be able to enjoy a few days of sunshine. The good weather has definitely given everyone a bit more of a spring in their step as students and staff continue to work hard and enjoy being back together on-site. It's been another busy but enjoyable week here at KGPS, and I'm pleased to be able to share some of the key events of the past week with you.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

*If you went out to the oval Tuesday, you were sure of a big surprise!
If you went out to the oval Tuesday, Mrs Jenkins was in disguise!*

We were delighted to welcome our 2022 Preps for their final transition on Tuesday morning. Under beautiful, clear blue skies, the 2022 Preps were introduced to their Year 5/6 buddies and enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Picnic.



A huge thank you to our Prep team (both current and future) for all of their efforts in making the event a success, and congratulations to our current Year 4 and 5 students who did a wonderful job of making their new young friends feel comfortable and happy at their new school.

Year 6 Leadership Speeches

On Monday afternoon, Mrs Jenkins and I had the privilege of listening to the leadership speeches from several of our Year 5 students who are applying to be one of our 2022 School Captains. We were blown away with how well every student spoke. Getting up and speaking in front of a large group of people is daunting at the best of times, and we were so impressed with how confidently and eloquently the students were able to explain how they would display our school values of kindness, respect, empathy, gratitude and excellence if they were School Captain.

Whilst the two successful applicants won't be announced until next week, I can safely say that any of the speakers who took part would be more than capable of fulfilling the role.



School Review

Last week saw the final day of our School Review process. The school review panel, which consisted of Mrs Jenkins, myself, our school reviewer, our SEIL (Senior Education Improvement Leader) and our two challenge partners (Cheryle and Cam, two principals from similar schools) met to put together a draft of our School Strategic Plan. A School Strategic Plan is a 4-year plan that tells people what the school wants to achieve in the future and how it plans to get there. It is an important document that will help shape the future direction of our beautiful school. We will receive the finalised School Strategic Plan before the end of the year, and we are excited to share the contents with you all.

As we are now well into Term 4, please ensure that your child remembers to bring their wide-brimmed school hat to school each day. Also, given that the weather appears to be (finally) improving, it is recommended that students bring with them sunscreen (SPF30 or higher) to apply before going outside for recess and lunch.

School Uniform Policy

It has been noticed that many students are attending school partially out of uniform. **Students should always be wearing black school shoes and school uniform as per below chart.**



Lost Property

We have a large number of lost property items at the office. Please ensure that all uniform have your child's name on it to ensure that it can be returned back to them. If items are not collected by end of term 4, they will be donated to our sickbay area as spare clothing. Therefore if you child if missing items please ensure you ask your child to check lost property prior to Wednesday 15th of December.

Kind Regards,

Steve

Steve Gammon | Acting Assistant Principal

From the Acting Principal- Mrs Jenkins

Farewells and New staff

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have some changes to staffing with our growing school, with some leaving and many new staff joining our school team.

At the end the year we say farewell to: Steph Anderson, who is leaving to have a baby and will be on family leave in 2022; **Mr Richard Hayward**, who is taking up a role at Melbourne Montessori School as a PE teacher & **Mrs Billie Karac**, who took over from Mrs Hocking in term 2.

We welcome back **Mrs Jacinda Hocking** who will be returning from family leave and moving into the role of Learning Enhancement Teacher.

We are currently finalising all our ES positions and our Gardener/Handyperson position.

At the commencement of the 2022 school year, we welcome many new staff to our growing team. These 7* new staff are listed in the following 2022 classes summary.

2022 Classes	Teacher
Prep A	Ms Rebecca Matlock (leader)
Prep B	Miss Molly Nugent
Prep C	Miss Elizabeth Matthews
Prep D	Miss Sanny Pillay
1A	Ms Adele Crawford (leader)
1B	Miss Vivian Phan
1C	Mr Jack Capicchiano
2A	Miss Stephanie McGorlick (leader)
2B	Miss Kristen Harly
2C	Miss Maddi Grandy
3/4A	Mr Simon Gliddon (leader)
3/4B	Ms Michelle Drummy
3/4C	Mr Kyle Moldrich
5/6A	Mr Ryan Serpanchy (leader)
5/6B	Miss Sophie Tanner
5/6C	Mr Garin Sandler
Acting Principal:	Mrs Sherri Jenkins
Acting Assistant Principal:	Mr Steve Gammon
Physical Education:	Mr Mike O'Dwyer
Visual Arts:	Miss Fiona Grace
Performing Arts:	Mrs Jayne Setford
Chinese Mandarin:	Mr Tong Sha
Education Admin Manager:	Mrs Deanne Barrie
Teaching and Learning Support:	Mrs Jaiden King
Learning Enhancement Program:	Mrs Jacinda Hocking
Business manager:	Mrs Dee Smith
Office/Admin:	Mrs Selen Asi & Mrs Bonnie Stewart
Education Support (integration aides):	tbc
Handyperson/Gardener:	currently being finalised
Canteen manager:	Mrs Chum DeSilva
IT Support:	Mr Bill Wong

Creating 2022 classes

Teachers are well advanced with the task of compiling classes for next year. Students have listed several friends with whom they would like to be, with the intention that they are with at least one of these. This is a complex process considering academic needs, friendship groups and professional knowledge. We thank the teachers for all their hard work and commitment throughout this process.

2022 classes- 'Up days'

'Up day' 1 is next Tuesday the 7th December. Students will go up to their 2022 learning space and will meet with some of the teachers who will be in their Learning Community for 2022. Students are **placed in their 2022 class on the last morning of the term**, providing an opportunity to meet their new teacher, (where possible) and be with their new classmates.

Reports

Semester 2 reports will be sent home on Monday 13th December. Teachers are busily proof reading each other's reports as you read this newsletter. The end of year report aims to give you an overview of what your child has achieved and provides an opportunity to point out future learning opportunities.

2022 Year 6 Graduation

This special event will be held on Monday 13th December. Students will enjoy a special dinner at 5:30pm with staff followed by a ceremony at 6:20pm with staff and parents. Further information about this event, including COVID safe protocols regarding parent attendance onsite, will also be published on Compass.



Gratitude

Thank you to the students who have demonstrated our school values of respect and kindness through cleaning up our school grounds during their own time! You are superstars!



Thank you to the Prep team, staff and current students which were involved in a very successful Prep Transition Program.

Thank you to Riferia Pawlowski for the kind donation of a bulk amount of cleaning products.

Kind Regards,

Sherri

Sherri Jenkins | Acting Principal

DIARY DATES 2021

December 2021

Monday 6 th	Wk 10	Book Fair starts
Tuesday 7 th	Wk 10	Yr 6 -7 Transition Day Prep- Yr 5 Transition 'Up Day' #1
Wednesday 8 th	Wk 10	School Council Dinner
Thursday 9 th	Wk 10	Yr 2 & 3 Sleepover Assembly - 2:55pm
Friday 10 th	Wk 10	Book Fair ends Yr 3 Incursion Yr 1/2 Creative Day (No Assembly)
Monday 13 th	Wk 11	Yr 6 Graduation
Tuesday 14 th	Wk 11	Yr 6 Big Day Out
Wednesday 15 th	Wk 11	KGPS House Cup 🏆
Thursday 16 th	Wk 11	Prep- Yr 5 Transition 'Up Day' #2 Final Assembly - 2:55pm Last day of Term 4- 3:30pm finish

January 2022

Monday 31 st	Wk 1	First Day of Term 1- Yr1 -6 students
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February 2022

Tuesday 1 st	Wk 1	Prep's First Day
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- Assembly every Friday at 2:55pm- Outdoor assembly's parents can attend



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

- ◆ Nethnu Jayasinghe
- ◆ Jacob Zhu
- ◆ Renee Patel
- ◆ Sebastian Babic
- ◆ Raideep Singh Dhillon
- ◆ Parmeet Singh
- ◆ Gracie Nguyen
- ◆ Alex Kelly
- ◆ Cooper Granger
- ◆ Tileah Granger
- ◆ Maneth Jayasinghe
- ◆ Sophie Neville

Book Fair

Next week our school will be having our first Book Fair at KGPS! What perfect timing to celebrate the end of the year. With Christmas very fast approaching, it is the perfect opportunity to purchase gifts for loved ones. All purchases made will earn the school rewards and books for our own school library!

The students will visit the Book Fair on Monday or Tuesday to browse and create a 'Wish List' of items that they would like!

Parents, Carers and families are also welcome to visit the Book Fair on the following days and times.

Location: upstairs next to the 5&6 Learning Community (follow the signs)

Opening times: Additional days and times may be added. Keep an eye out on Compass!

Tuesday- 1:00-1:30 (Lunchtime)

Wednesday- 12:45-1:15 (Lunchtime) and 3:10-4:00 (After school)

Thursday- 8:30-9:00am (Before school) and 3:40-4:15pm (After school)

Friday- 8:30am-9:00am (Before school) *LAST CHANCE!

How to purchase:

Payments in store via EFTPOS. No cash.

Online at <https://payments.lamontauthors.com.au/>

Entry:

All visitors to check in via the front office. Check in requirements and proof of vaccination status is required

Support our fundraiser
and never go to lost property again!

Fundraising Code:

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fundraising

NEWSLETTER TEXT: COVID-19 UPDATE

We have been asked by the Department of Education and Training and the Department of Health to provide this statement to all families/carers.

COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS

If your child is identified as an education contact of someone who is a confirmed case of COVID-19, you must ensure your child quarantines until they have completed a PCR test and returned a negative result. A PCR test is the test you have at the main testing sites or local doctors. The PCR test result is usually available within 24 hours and the result will be texted back to your phone.

You must show evidence of the negative result to the school before your child can return to onsite learning.

Schools are not permitted to allow your child to return until you have shown evidence of a negative test.

If you are not able to show evidence of a negative test, your child cannot attend school for the following length of time depending on their circumstances:

- 7 days if they are fully vaccinated
- 7 days if they are under 12 years and 2 months old and all members of their household are fully vaccinated
- 14 days if they are over 12 years and 2 months old and not fully vaccinated
- 14 days if they are under 12 years and 2 months old and all members of their household are not fully vaccinated.

Rapid antigen testing

Rapid antigen tests are provided free at all PCR testing centres for school students who are education contacts. If your child is an education contact, they will receive a pack of five rapid antigen tests. Instructions are provided and there is also information available about rapid antigen tests at coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Rapid antigen tests should be completed on school days in the morning (one each day) before attending school for the week after receiving a negative PCR test result.

Using rapid antigen tests in the week after a school exposure is very important to keep our school community safe from COVID-19.



Every purchase
supports our
school!

Our school is having a Lamont Book Fair!



Our school is holding a Lamont Book Fair. There are a great range of books to choose from, and every purchase supports our school.

This year you can choose to pay for your Book Fair purchases online through the Lamont Book Fairs payment portal.

To make an online Book Fair payment go to:

<https://payments.lamontauthors.com.au>

Payment Portal Details:

To make an online payment, go to the link above and select our school from the drop-down list. There is space to include your student's details and a description of the titles that you wish to purchase at the Book Fair.

Payments made through this online portal need to be redeemed for items at the Lamont Book Fair at our school.

Once you have made a payment you will receive a receipt number and a copy of your payment receipt by email. Your student will need to bring a copy of the payment receipt to the Book Fair to redeem it for their items.

